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TAGS: PINT, SF

SUBJ: BOPHUTHATSWANA SHOWDOWN AVOIDED

REF: PRETORIA 1180 AND 1065

1. EFFORTS OF BOPHUTHATSWANA COMMISSIONER GENERAL G.R. WESSELS TO AVOID VOTE ON NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE'S LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL, AND SPLIT IN RULING BOPHUTHATSWANA PARTY APPARENTLY PAPERED OVER FOR TIME BEING.

2. WESSELS' ADDRESS TO BOPHUTHATSWANA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MARCH 30 STRUCK RESPONSIVE CHORD WITH THOSE CHIEFS WHO FAVORED RECONCILIATION, AND MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE WAS WITHDRAWN. WESSELS URGED CONSIDERATION OF UNSPECIFIED COMPROMISE FORMULA ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES--I.E., MANGOPE'S CHAIRMANSHIP, IN PERSONAL CAPACITY, OF BOPHUTHATSWANA DEVELOPMENT FUND AND CHIEF HERMAN MASELOANE'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN CABINET.

3. FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL OF NO CONFIDENCE MOTION, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AGREED TO MANGOPE'S REQUEST FOR ONE WEEK ADJOURNMENT  
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TO TAKE STOCK OF SITUATION.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT POWER CONTROVERSY SHELVED RATHER THAN SOLVED. MASELOANE/MANGOPE EMNITY DEEP-SEATED AND PERSONAL. DURING DEBATE EVEN MANGOPE'S SUPPORTERS ADMITTED HE HAD MADE MISTAKES AND HIS TRADITIONALLY AUTOCRATIC STYLE AND DICTATORIAL METHODS, UNLESS CHANGED, COULD LEAD TO FURTHER DIFFICULTIES. LARGE NUMBER OF CHIEFS REPORTEDLY FAVOR RECONCILIATION IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN UNIFIED "INDABA" APPROACH TO HOMELAND POLITICS. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH MANGOPE'S POSITION NOW SECURE, HE MAY WELL BE UNSUCCESSFUL IF HE DECIDES TO PURSUE ATTEMPT TO REMOVE MASELOANE FROM CABINET.  
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